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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE AT ARGENTIA

1. THE FEBRUARY 12 HANSARD HAS PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE AT ARGENTIA:
"ARGENTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND-- CANADIANS EMPLOYED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DENIED RIGHT TO FORM UNION

"MR. WALTER CARTER (ST. JOHN'S WEST): MR. SPEAKER, MY QUESTION IS DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CONCERNS A NUMBER OF CANADIAN CIVILIANS EMPLOYED THE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE U.S. NAVAL STATION AT ARGENTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING WAGES LESS THAN THE PREVAILING RATE IN THE AREA, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES INTO A UNION AND THEREBY RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, WOULD THE MINISTER UNDERTAKE TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO HIS COUNTERPART IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO HAVING THIS INEQUITY REMOVED, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THESE CANADIANS ARE PAID WAGES THAT ARE AT LEAST COMPARABLE TO THOSE PAID PEOPLE IN THE FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE WHO ARE DOING THE SAME WORK IN THAT AREA?
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ZHON. ALLAN J. MACEACHEN (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS): MR. SPEAKER, I THANK THE HON. MEMBER
FOR HIS REPRESENTATION. I AM NOT FULLY INFORMED ON THE
FACTS IN QUESTION. I WILL ATTEMPT TO INFORM MYSELF,
AND IF THERE IS A BASIS FOR REPRESENTATIONS I WILL BE
HAPPY TO CONSIDER THAT COURSE."

2. COMMENT: AN EXTAFF OFFICIAL HAS INDICATED GOC
WILL PROBABLY SUBMIT NOTE TO EMBASSY REQUESTING FURTHER
INFORMATION ON STRIKE SITUATION, ITS CAUSES, AND ON
ALLEGATION THAT CANADIANS DENIED RIGHT TO ORGANIZE
INTO A UNION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER
INFORMATION CONGEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, WITH
PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS MADE
BY CARTER.
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